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SUBJECT: PRG ISSUE AT LOW CONFERENCE: LIBERIAN POSITION

REF: (A) GENEVA 723

1. AT LUNCHEON FOR STAG GOV. EVANS FEBRUARY 6 FONMIN DENNIS RAISED AT TABLE SUBJECT OF PRG AT LOW CONFERENCE. HE SAID USG WANTED GOL VOTE "BECAUSE IT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU, BUT WE HAVE NO INTEREST IN THAT." CHARGE SAID HE THOUGHT GOL DID HAVE INTEREST IN INTEGRITY OF INTERNATIONAL STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATIONS AND IN CONFIDENCE IN THEM PARTICULARLY ON PART OF US PUBLIC. DENNIS BRUSHED THIS ASIDE AND BLUNTLY SAID THAT IF "YOU WANT OUR VOTE, YOU HAVE TO HELP US." HE IMPLIED THAT USG HAD FAILED GOL IN SOME RESPECT AND CHARGE WONDERED IN WHAT WAY. DENNIS SAID THAT WAS NEITHER TIME NOR PLACE TO DISCUSS MATTER. CHARGE AGREED THAT SOME OTHER TIME WOULD BE PREFERABLE, PERHAPS AFTER REUTRN OF AMBASSADOR.

2. ON FEBRUARY 7 ASSISTANT FONMIN DUNN CALLED AT DENNIS'S INSTRUCTION TO MAKE TWO POINTS:

A. GOL HAD SENT INSTRUCTIONS TO GENEVA TO EFFECT THAT GOL DELEGATION SHOULD VOTE ON BOTH SUBSTANTIVE AND PROCEDURAL ISSUES AGAINST INVITATION TO PRG. CHARGE ASKED IF THIS WOULD INCLUDE MOVE TO AMEND RULE 32 (GENEVA 723), AND DUNN SAID IT
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WOULD, SINCE THAT WOULD BE MERELY PROCEDURAL WAY OF REOPENING

PRG INVITATION ISSUE.

B. FONMIN DENNIS WANTED TO MEET WITH CHARGE "NEXT WEEK."
NEITHER SUBJECT NOR TIMING WAS DEFINITELY SET, BUT DUNN AGREED
THAT IDEA OF MEETING PROBABLY GREW OUT OF LUNCHEON CONVERSATION
MENTIONED ABOVE.

3. FONMIN'S RELATION OF GOL VOTES ON PRG ISSUE (WITH WMO
CONGRESS BALLOT COMING UP) TO US ASSISTANCE WAS RATHER BLUNTER
THAN EXPECTED. EXCEPT TO ITERATE US POSITION ONPRG PRESENCE
AT INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS, IF APPROPRIATE, PLAN ONLY TO LISTEN
AND REPORT WHAT DENNIS SAYS.

4. FOR MORE THAN FORTNIGHT EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN ALMOST DAILY
TOUCH WITH DUNN ON PRG ISSUE. HIS ATTITUDE HAS BEEN BOTH KINDLY
AND PATIENT, ALTHOUGH HE HAS CONSTANTLY HAD TO SAY HE HAD BEEN
UNABLE TO GET TO FONMIN. ASSISTANT FONMIN PADMORE ALSO
EXPLAINED LACK OF TIMELY GOL INSTRUCTIONS TO GENEVA ON GROUND
DENNIS WAS SO BUSY WITH OTHER MATTERS. IT WAS, HOWEVER, CLEAR
FROM DENNIS'S ATTITUDE AT LUNCHEON THAT HE WAS NETTLED BY FACT
THAT GOL CAN'T HAVE IT BOTH WAYS AND VOTE WITH BOTH US AND
AFRICANS. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER DENNIS'S MOTIVATION FOR
MEETING WITH CHARGE IS REALLY TO TRY BARGAIN FOR FUTURE GOL
VOTES ON PRG ISSUE OR MERELY TO AVOID APPEARING TO DROP WITHOUT
ANYTHING FURTHER HIS QUITE FORCEFUL STATEMENT.

5. EMBASSY HAS BY SEPARATE MESSAGE PASSED SUBSTANCE OF PARA 2A
TO USMISSION GENEVA AND EMBASSY SAIGON. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH
TO PASS BALANCE OF THIS MESSAGE TO THOSE ADDRESSEES.
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